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From

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South Kanara District.

To

The Minister for the Public Works,
Government of Madras,
M A D R A S.

SECRETARY TO GOVT.
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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Yours faithfully,

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On this happy occasion, please permit us to acknowledge with gratitude the great and noble part that you played in the nation's struggle for freedom under the great leadership of Mahatma Gandhi and for some years as the General Secretary of the National Congress. We take this opportunity of thanking you for granting this district the National Highway and three bridges across the coast-line on the Mangalore-Udipi Road during your Ministry at the Centre. Your present visit, we hope, has convinced you of the fact that the vast and long-neglected needs of our district which have not been attended to all these years by the British regime and all other previous regimes have to be fulfilled by your Ministry as early as possible to help the all-round development of these parts. We beg leave to place before you some urgent and important needs with regard to Transport facilities that have to be afforded as eary as possible before the Second Five Year Plan period is over.

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The close proximity of the long and mighty range of the Western Ghats, the very heavy rain-fall during the year and the many swift-flowing streams and rivers coursing down through this malnad (forest—clad) region have been the main obstacles in the way of easy and sound transport facilities being afforded between this panchayat and the neighbouring prosperous villages, the granaries for the supply of rice and other food grains to the rest of this district Unless the important arteries of road communications are maintained, throughout the year in sound condition, the flow of food-grains from the very interior parts of the malnad region to the neighbouring markets will be impeded with the result that the balanced economy of the country will be upset. The first and foremost need of a prosperous civilized society is to improve the rural economy and to help the location of big Industries by affording adequate transport facilities by a system of good roads and a net-work of railways. We take this opportunity of thanking the Community Project Department for improving such facilities in these malnad parts by the construction of some important roads, culverts and bridges in collaboration with the help rendered by the rural community of the localities. Much more has yet to be effected in this direction during the Second Five Year plan. We beg leave to place before you some of our urgent needs under the head in the earnest hope that your Ministry will be good enough to sanction the necessary funds for the purpose. 1. Permanent strong culverts and bridges are necessary on the Durga Road to connect this panchayat with a few prosperous villages nearby. As the

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A copy of the letter cited together with an extract from an address presented to the Union Minister for Transport by the Karkala Panchayat Board is forwarded to the CE (H) for disposal.

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Note: With reference to X on page 4 cf., it is submitted the State Govt. have already recommended 13 major and import railway projects in connection with the Rly. Bdr. Second Five Year Plan. Bdr it is doubtful whether more than three or four of the above projects will be taken up for execution during the plan period, as the Railway Board have proposed to re

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